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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Furthermore I am not sure that the USF is fair to start with. What you want the general public to do is to pay for services that are provided to others free. You have set up a huge organization to monitor the fund, and that means millions of dollars just for overhead. Why should I pay for the service of others? No one pays for any services that I receive.

The other thing that is wrong with the USF is that you can charge the same person several times for the same service. I have a phone line that brings both communications by voice and the Internet. Both providers want to charge me a USF fee, which means that I pay twice for the same telephone line. They charge me for telephone service, and for internet service and they both come from the same company. This is not fair.

I feel that I should not have to pay more than once to the USF just because I have a cell phone, Internet, and land line telephone. Once should be enough.

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